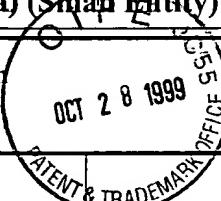


**COMBINED AMENDMENT & PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF  
TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) (Small Entity)**

Docket No.

46-41

In Re Application Of: William Donald Van Doorn



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Date

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

One month       Two months       Three months       Four months

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A verified statement of small entity status as a small entity under 37 CFR 1.27:

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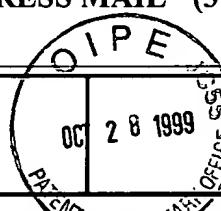
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